Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk visits the Russian Orthodox Church metochion in Bsalim



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On 31 October 2026, a delegation of the Moscow Patriarchate, headed by Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations, together with Metropolitan Silouan of Mount Lebanon and Metropolitan Niphon of Philippopolis, Representative of the Patriarch of Antioch to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', visited the Russian Orthodox Church Metochion in Bsalim, a district of Beirut.

The Metochion in Bsalim serves as a meeting place and centre of fellowship for the Russian community of the Lebanese capital.

The distinguished guests were welcomed by the Rector of the Metochion, Archimandrite Philip (Vasiltsev), Representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' to the Patriarchal See of Antioch,

who spoke about the history of the Metochion and the present-day life of the community.

The participants subsequently visited the Russian Embassy in Beirut, where they were warmly received by A.N. Rudakov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Lebanese Republic, and his wife.

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